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TAC Minutes, 10/10/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 10/10/12, 7:15 pm to 9:40 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Paul Kent, John Lentz, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener

Missing Members and Associates: Wayne Chouinard, Corey Rateau, Jean Clark, Jeff Maxtutis

Members of the Public Present: none

- Public Comments. None.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 9/12/12 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Laura (Planning) reviewed Ethics Regs. related to email, and conflicts of interest. She also reported on recent meeting with MBTA and engineers regarding the Key Bus Routes Program, 30% design plans will be submitted to Highway Div. shortly. Howard asked Laura to send plans to WG to review. Also announced Master Plan Visioning session on 10/17.
- Park/Wachusett. No report. Wayne is working on it.
- Forest/Brand. Elisabeth met with Wayne and Corey. Adding a crosswalk on Forest at Brand looks problematic due to sightlines. Brand has no sidewalks. Wayne will prepare a report to TAC.
- Wollaston Ave. No report.
- Parking Study. Working Group has secured \$4000 to do parking counts and turnover in Arlington Center. \$2000 was allocated by TAC last month. Planning will match funds. Working Group will meet to scope the study.
- CLAMP. Working on 25% submittal to MassDOT Highway.
- Bike Pavement Marking Program. Stephan Miller has joined working group from ABAC. The rest of group is Wayne, Howard, Scott. Wayne will get list of streets scheduled for paving. Group wants to test out some methods, then develop guidelines.
- Egerton/Herbert. Very wide intersection. Could use a crosswalk and stop bar. Hope to have a recommendation at next meeting.
- Lowell St. @ Westmoreland. Request from local residents for flags at crosswalk. Recommend including crosswalk on Lowell @ Westmoreland Ave in list of new flag program locations. Recent speed study shows combined 85% speed is 38 mph during summer.

- Scott Smith left meeting.
- 901 Mass Ave (proposed liquor store). Building permit only is needed, no variances or special permits. TAC won't have much ability to influence decision. Elisabeth knows one of owners, Jake Faiola. She will invite him to next meeting if he wants to discuss parking configuration and site safety.
- Jason Street cut through traffic. Requested Corey to start traffic counts. Working Group will meet soon.
- Mass/Jason/Mill intersection. Looking at changes to signal phasing, i.e. separating movement of Mill and Jason, and concurrent pedestrian phasing.
- Schools. No reports.
- Sidewalk Inventory. No progress.
- Crosswalk on Ridge at Crosby. Working Group met. Gathering data on turning counts, pedestrian crossings and vehicle traffic. Assessing what is involved in moving crosswalk, as recommended after Traffic Supervisor was eliminated.
- Town Day. Recap of comments.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for October: Agenda, 10/10/12; Minutes of 9/12/12; Emails between Persis Levy and Elisabeth Carr-Jones Re. question, dated October 7, 2012; Email from Agnes Bayer-Kiss to Joe Curro, Jeff Maxtutis, and Dan Warren, Re. Response to your DPW Sign request, dated 9/26/12; Working Group List, 10/10/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 10/10/12; Individual Action List from 9/8/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 10/10/12; "Email Communication under the Open Meeting Law", dated September 19, 2012;"Instructions for Disclosure by State, County or Municipal Employees as Required by G.L. c.268A s. 23(b)(3)".
- Summary of Crash Data at Mill/Jason/Mass
- Town Day, September 15, 2012, TAC Public Comments.
- "MassDOT—Your Vision, Our Future: A Transportation Conversation"